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MIL-STD-810E has been revised to require careful attention to environments throughout the development process. A course of action for determining and assessing the environments to which an item will be exposed during its service life has been added to section 4, General Requirements. The additional General Requirements aid in preparation for design and preparation for test. Documentation requirements for the design and testing process have also been added to section 4.

The bulk of the standard remains devoted to test methods. Individual methods have been revised to encourage accurate determination of the environmental stresses that an equipment will encounter during its service life. Guidance for accelerated or aggravated testing during the design process is included in some cases. Each test method has been divided into two sections: Section I provides guidance for choosing and tailoring a particular test procedure, Section II includes step-by-step test procedures. In some methods, not only the test values, but also the sequence of steps is tailorable.

The result of this revision will be that this standard cannot be called out or applied as a fixed, relatively simple routine. Instead, an environmental engineering specialist will have to choose and alter the test procedures to suit a particular combination or sequence of environmental conditions for a specific equipment application.

The methods of this standard are not intended to satisfy all safety compliance testing requirements.

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1. This document contains 6 sections. Sections 1 through 3 contain general information. Section 4 contains both tailoring guides and general test information that relate to the test methods of section 5. Section 5 contains climatic and dynamic test methods, and section 6 has references to contractual requirements.
2. The Procuring Activity/Developer must determine the magnitude of the tailoring effort appropriate for the program in question. Tailoring can provide long range cost savings in that materiel will be designed and developed to survive its anticipated deployment scenario.
3. Paragraph 4.2 explains the tailoring process and the steps involved (see figure 1, How To Use MIL-STD-810E). Paragraph 4.3 explains the use of measured data, and paragraph 6.2 details the contractual requirements in the form of Data Item Descriptions (DID's).
4. Each test method of Section 5 is divided into 2 parts: Section I contains background or the enclosed procedures and rationale (where possible) for the test parameters. Section II contains the step-by-step test procedures which require parameter levels that are to be developed by the environmental analyses.
5. Section 5 of this document also contains 'fallback' parameter levels which can be applied in section II of each method if better information is not available.
6. The test methods of section 5 address various climatic and dynamic environments/situations. The user of MIL-STD-810E must determine which methods are appropriate for the specified program and which test procedures within the test method are appropriate.
7. Regardless of which approach is chosen, at the end of Section I of each test method, a list of information is specified that is required in order to conduct the test procedures of Section II of that method. This information must be assembled by the environmental specialist and provided to the equipment supplier.

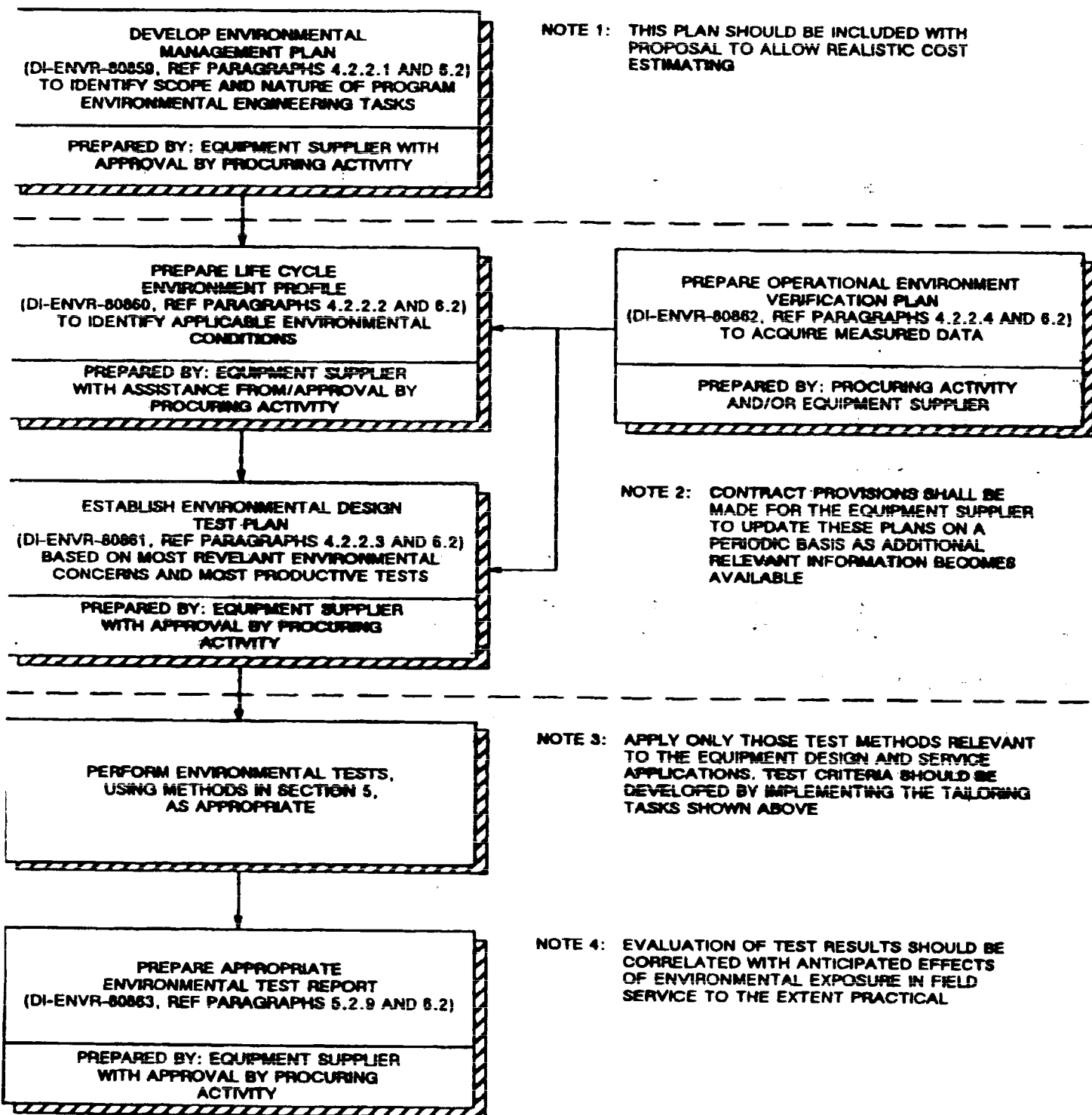


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